

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Ms. Melanie Bollinger, Board 2nd Vice President, at 7:34 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Selinger	Absent
Mr. Toncini	Absent
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Bollinger requested a motion to add *Personnel* item 3.h. and *Other Business* item 7.bb. to the agenda, as permitted under Section 712.1(c) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act:

3.h. Action on accepting the resignation of Charlotte A. Anthony, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 2, 2023.

7.bb. Action on approving the attached addenda to the agreements with the individual or limited liability company listed for School Police Officer services, to provide for an hourly fee of \$31.00, effective August 21, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Risch, to add *Personnel* item 3.h. *Other Business* item 7.bb. to the agenda, as read. Motion carried unanimously on the motion to add the two (2) read-in items to the agenda.

Ms. Bollinger welcomed members of the public. She solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda and the two (2) read-in items. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 14, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2023: The Board's Building Committee met on July 26, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session on August 2, 2023, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on August 2, 2023. The Board held a Committee Meeting on August 2, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session on August 9, 2023, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters.
3. Mr. Robb reported on preparations across the District for the start of the 2023-2024 school year including several staff professional development initiatives.
4. Ms. Bollinger noted that the first day of school for teachers would be Monday, August 21, 2023, and the first day of school for students would be Thursday, August 24, 2023.
5. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's joint operating committee would meet the following week.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's board would meet the following week.
7. Mr. Haven reported that the Building Committee toured the High School on July 25, 2023, and held a public meeting on July 26, 2023.
8. Mr. Haven reported on the Pennsylvania state budget passed on August 3, 2023.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation is in the process of planning its September 17, 2023, Golf Outing fundraiser.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- a. To accept the resignation of Vicci L. Shearer, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 1, 2023.
- b. To approve the employment of Jayme L. Schreckengost as a full time Teacher, at an annual salary of \$46,000, effective August 21, 2023 and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- c. Action on approving the employment of Rachel M. Ryan as a School Nurse Assistant, at an hourly wage rate of \$25, effective August 21, 2023, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- d. **TO TABLE** action on approving the employment of _____ as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective August 21, 2023, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- e. Action on approving the attached list of Educational Assistants and School Nurse Assistants for the 2023-2024 school year.
- f. Action on approving the attached list of bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.
- g. Action on approving the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2023-2024 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- h. To accept the resignation of Charlotte A. Anthony, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 2, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Risch,

- a. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a cost not to exceed \$31,299.57, to be taken from ACCESS funds.
- b. To approve the attached College in the High School Agreement with Carlow University, for a term beginning on August 9, 2023 and ending on August 9, 2028, at no cost to the District.
- c. To approve the attached High School Academy & Dual Enrollment Programming Agreement with the Community College of Beaver County, for a term beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and automatically renewing annually thereafter (subject to termination with 90 days' notice), at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Risch,

- a. To approve the chorus and band festivals for the 2023-2024 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 800 (Records Management).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 830 (Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification).
- c. To approve the final adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 830.1 (Data Governance - Storage Security).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached Health and Safety Plan.
- b. To authorize the superintendent or his designee to dispose of old track equipment described on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached Annual Maintenance Agreement with The Wilson Group for printer maintenance services to be provided from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027, at a cost to the District of \$329 per month.
- d. To accept the attached proposal submitted by Penn Power Group, LLC, dba Penn Power Systems, for emergency generator maintenance services to be performed over a 3-year term from August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2026, at a cost to the District of \$2,011 for year one, \$2,071 for year two, and \$2,133 for year three.
- e. To accept the attached Service Proposal submitted by O.Z. Enterprises, LLC, to service the District's building management systems, for a three and one-half (3 ½)-year term beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2027, at a cost to the District of \$4,360 for the initial one-half year, and \$6,540 per year for the remaining three years.

- f. To approve the attached Agreement to Sell or Purchase Meals from Sponsor to Sponsor, with Butler County Children’s Center, Inc., dba Early Learning Connections, (Pre-K Counts) from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- g. To approve the District’s membership in the STEAM Lending Library Consortium of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost to the District of \$150.
- h. To approve the attached Third-Party Letter of Agreement for Nonpublic Title I Services with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, for the provision of Title I instructional services at non-public schools during the 2023-2024 school year.
- i. To approve the participation of a resident student in The Watson Institute/Friendship Academy Campus’s extended school year program, in accordance with the student’s IEP, from June 21, 2023, through July 20, 2023, at a cost of \$3,250.
- j. To approve the attached Educational Services Agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial for educational services to be provided to District resident students in accordance with the students’ IEPs, from August 28, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at an annual cost per student of \$64,752.73 (prorated for days enrolled) and any one-on-one aide services provided at a cost per student of \$211.92 per day.
- k. To approve the attached Program Placement Agreement with Butler Area School District for the potential placement of students in the Center Avenue Community School during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$155 per day for the Emotion Support Program, \$194.50 per day for the Autistic Support, Life Skills Support, and Multi-Disability Programs, and \$1,000 annually for the Extended School Year Program.
- l. To approve the attached Agreement for Educational Services with The Bradley School for education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student’s IEP during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost to the District of \$187.51 per day.
- m. To approve the attached agreements with The Watson Institute for education services to be provided to two (2) resident students during the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with the students’ IEPs, at a total cost of \$115,778.
- n. To approve the attached Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services, dba St. Stephens Lutheran Academy and St. Stephens Academy Utica, for educational services to be provided during the 2023-2024 school year, at the rates listed on Attachment A to the Agreement.

- o. To approve Adagio Health to provide the Adagio Health Tobacco Free Level I education and intervention services for the 2023-2024 school year described on the attachment, at no cost to the District.
- p. To authorize Administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency's PA Mental Health Education Learning Program in Schools (PA HELPS) for a Mental Health Internship Program.
- q. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission for services in connection with the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Initiative for the 2023-2024 school year, at no cost to the District.
- r. To approve the attached letter of agreement with the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program for the provision of mental health liaison services under the District's Student Assistance Program (SAP) through the Family Counseling Center during the 2023-2024 school year, at no cost to the District.
- s. To approve the attached Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with Butler County Human Services Center for Community Resources for the 2023 2024 school year, at no cost to the District.
- t. To accept the attached n2y, LLC quote for a one-year subscription for one user to News2you solutions, at a cost of \$239.99.
- u. To accept the attached proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for a one-year subscription for the user counts listed on the attachment to Read 180 / System 44, at a cost of \$2,244.
- v. To accept the attached Riverside Insights quote for a one-year subscription for 150 users to easyCBM and RTA and approval of the attached EasyCBM Subscriber Agreement, at a cost of \$1,322.50.
- w. To accept accepting the attached GovConnection, Inc. quote for a one-year license to K-12 Adobe Academy VIP Creative Cloud for Enterprise for 2500 users, at a cost of \$12,300.
- x. To accept the attached Tech4Learning quote for a one-year subscription to Wixie for 900 users, at a cost of \$4,050.
- y. To accept the attached CDW Government quote for a one-year license to GoGuardian for 2100 users, at a cost of \$22,050.
- z. To approve the District's 2023-2024 membership in The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents, at a cost of \$1,800.

- aa. To accept a Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) grant in the amount of \$500, to be used to purchase items for the Band Program.
- bb. To approve the attached addenda to the agreements with the individual or limited liability company listed for School Police Officer services, to provide for an hourly fee of \$31.00, effective August 21, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- a. To approve the attached June and July 2023 financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To adopt the Free and Reduced Lunch Policy and Guidelines as established by the Department of Education to be included in district policy for the 2023-2024 school year.
- e. To approve the attached Resolution Urging Amendment of School Code Section 672.1.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Ms. Bollinger announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Zembrzuski reported that she had attended a meeting of the Freeport community advisory group along with Mr. Selinger and Dr. Nicholls and some District students. She noted that the next meeting of the community advisory group was scheduled for January 2024.

Ms. Bollinger announced that the 2023-2024 student school board members would be in attendance at the September 13, 2023, regular meeting.

Comments from the Public

Jim Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on renovations to the High School and taxes. Mark Wyant of Buffalo Township commented on unfunded mandates and High School renovations, and he commended Administration on the recent professional development training focusing on brain research.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Risch, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bollinger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

/s/ Melanie K. Bollinger
Second Vice President

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary